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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Günter SCHMIDT *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1634  
Application No.: 09/462,408 ) Examiner: Betty J. Forman  
Filed: April 10, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 5060  
For: CHARACTERISING NUCLEIC ACIDS )

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the outstanding Official Action  
dated September 5, 2002 :

one month to January 6, 2003 (January 5, 2003 was a Sunday); the extension fee is:

\$55.00 (2251)       \$110.00 (1251).

The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated

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An extension fee in the amount of \$ 110.00 is enclosed.

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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